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Family Records Series – Correspondence

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Description

This folder contains letters by Marion Estelle Edison (1873-1965), the daughter of Thomas Edison and his first wife, Mary Stilwell. The earliest letters, dating from 1887-1888, relate to Marion's education at the Bradford Academy in Massachusetts. Numerous other letters were written during her tour of Europe in 1889-1892. In addition to letters from Marion to her father and stepmother, there is correspondence by Sarah W. Brigham, her tutor and traveling companion in 1889, and by Elizabeth F. Earl, who replaced Miss Brigham in 1890. There are also references to the sisters of Mina Miller Edison—Jennie, Mary, and Grace—who initially accompanied Marion on her travels. Among the topics discussed in the letters are Marion's impressions of the various countries she visited; her strained relations with Jennie Miller; her contraction of smallpox in Dresden at the beginning of 1890; her self-consciousness about the scars left by the disease; her encounter with explorer Henry Stanley and Edward, Prince of Wales in Cannes in the spring of 1890; and her desire that her brothers Tom Jr. and Will join her in Europe so that she can "make amends" for having been "most cold and selfish towards them." The letters from 1891-1892 include numerous references to Charlie Levison (Charles Horace Granville Levison of Norfolk County), a wealthy Englishman to whom Marion was briefly engaged. A July 1894 letter from German army officer Oscar Oeser formally seeks Edison's permission to marry his daughter.

Additional letters by Marion Edison can be found in the Charles Edison Fund Collection. One other item from 1894 can be found the David E. E. Sloane Collection.

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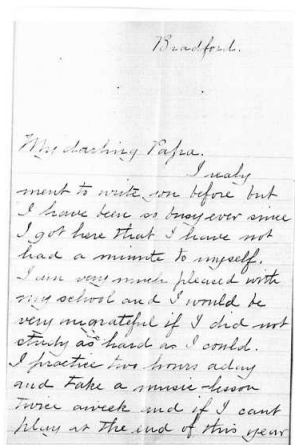
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[FB002AAB], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Thomas Alva Edison, 1887

Title

[FB002AAB], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Thomas Alva Edison, 1887

Editor's Notes

Supplied year

Author

Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient

Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- West Orange Laboratory
- Bradford Academy
- Edison, William Leslie
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Mary Stilwell (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date

1887-00-00

Type

Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Education

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Bradford.

My darling Papa.

I really
meant to write you before but
I have been so busy ever since
I got here that I have not
had a minute to myself.
I am very much pleased with
my school and I would be
very ungrateful if I did not
study as hard as I could.
I practice two hours a day
and take a music-lesson
twice a week and if I cant
play at the end of this year

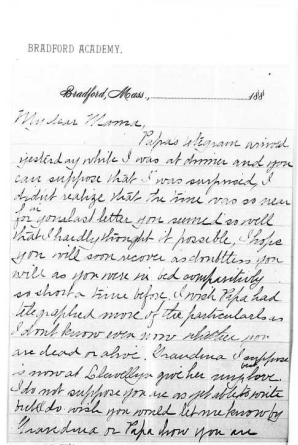
be very happy in having
such a noble woman to love
you and I hope it will ever
continue so. Did you darling
papa ever here such ^{good} advice
from a daughter before, one
would think that I had
gone over the trials of life
and were try to make you
profits by my experience. I
have just written to Minnie
and she will probably get
it tomorrow. I hope the
boys are well and that
something will be done
about Willie, it is really
a shame how he is
growing up and I don't
think it is doing him any

then I will give up. It is
simply lovely here every body
is so kind and we all get
along so nicely, the climate
is simply lovely, it has al-
ready begun to get cold and
if it keeps on I really think
we will have snow. I
hope the laboratory is
nearly finished and that
you are happy in its
completion. Minnie was very
kind to me when she
was here and I really think
papa that I love here
truly and that every day
she takes more and more
the place of my own
mother, you ought to

good to go out now, perhaps
you will find the truth
of these words to late but
I hope not. Thus Minnie
decided where she is going
to send the little boys?

Dear, darling, papa I hope
that I shall be such a
nice woman and so
accomplished that you
will not altogether think
that I am underestimating
of all you have done for me
I study all day now and
not only for knowledge but
to show you that I love you.
Give my love to Minnie and
the boys and keep lots of
love and kisses from

Your daughter
George.



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[FB002AAC] Letter, c. 1888

Title

[FB002AAC] Letter, c. 1888

Editor's Notes

- [Bradford Academy] Papa's telegram arrived yesterday while I was at dinner and you can suppose that I was surprised, I didn't realize that the time was so near for in your last letter you seemed so well that I hardly thought it possible, I hope you will soon recover as doubtless you will as you were in bed comparatively so short a time before. Much Papa had telegraphed more of the particulars and I don't know even now whether you are dead or alive. Grandma I suppose is now at Llewellyn give her my best love. I do not suppose you are as yet able to write but I do wish you would let me know by Grandma or Papa how you are
- Supplied year

Author

Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Bradford Academy
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date

1888-00-00

Type

Letter

Subject

Edison-Miller family

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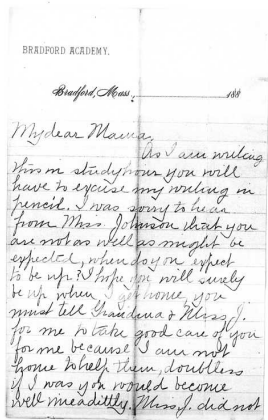
BRADFORD ACADEMY.

Bradford, Mass., ... 188

My dear Mama,

Papa's telegram arrived yesterday while I was at dinner and you can suppose that I was surprised, I didn't realize that the time was so near for ⁱⁿ your last letter you seemed so well that I hardly thought it possible, I hope you will soon recover as doubtless you will as you were in bed comparatively so short a time before. I wish Papa had telegraphed more of the particulars as I don't know even now whether you are dead or alive. Grandma I suppose is now at Leavellyn give her my ^{best} love. I do not suppose you are as yet able to write but I do wish you would let me know by Grandma or Papa how you are

and about everything that would
interest me including of course about
your little babes. Give my love to all
and keep lots of love for yourself
Marion Edison



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[FB002AAD] Letter, June 1888

Title

[FB002AAD] Letter, June 1888

Editor's Notes

- [Bradford Academy] As I am writing this on study hour you will have to excuse my writing in pencil. I was sorry to hear from Mrs. Johnson that you are not as well as might be expected, when do you expect to be up? I hope you will surely be up when I get home, you must tell Grandma & Miss J. for me to take good care of you for me because I am not home to help them, doubtless if I was you would become well immediately. Miss J. did not say in her note to me whether you have decided to name baby Grace or not, I hope you will dear Mama for if she is like the one she is named after she will be very lovely. I have three examinations today and have been "bl?nging" all the morning but I thought I would take a little recess and write you a note but I am afraid I shall have to resume again my study. Give my love to all Mrs Ireson send her compliments to you and hope for your recovery soon. Good bye M.E.E
- Supplied year and month

Author

Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Johnson, Annie Elizabeth
- Bradford Academy
- Ireson, Jennie E
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date

1888-06-00

Type

Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Education
- Health and medicine

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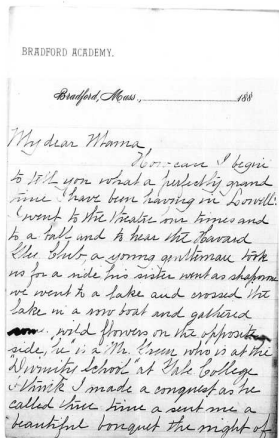
Bradford, Mass., ... 188⁸

My dear Mamma,

As I am writing this in study hour you will have to excuse my writing in pencil. I was sorry to hear from Miss Johnson that you are not as well as might be expected, when do you expect to be up? I hope you will surely be up when I get home, you must tell Grandma & Miss J. for me to take good care of you for me because I am not home to help them, doubtless if I was you would become well in a ditty. Miss J. did not

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write you a note but I am afraid
I shall have to resume again
my study. Give my love to all
Miss Treason sends her compliments
to you and hope for your recovery
soon. Good bye

U. E. E.



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[FB002AAE] Letter, c. 1888

Title

[FB002AAE] Letter, c. 1888

Editor's Notes

- [Bradford Academy] How can I begin to tell you what a perfectly grand time I have been having in Lowell! I went to the theater four times and to a talk and to hear the Harvard Glee Club, a young gentleman took us for a ride his sister went as chaparone, we went to a lake and crossed that lake in a row boat and gathered wild flowers on the opposite side, he is a Mr. Green who is at the "Divinity School" at Yale College. I think I made a conquest as he called ? Time a sent me a beautiful bouquet the night of the ball. We went into Boston twice to the Theatre and dined at the Parker House, Mrs. Kelly is simply lovely and seemed to take such a liking to me, she went to so far as to invite me to come in June right after "commencement" and spend a few days at the "Pond of Pines which is near Boston have you any objections to my going, I met lots of lovely people who tried their best to spoil me and as "Lucille" ? Says "Sometimes I am startled at my very success" do not dear Mama condemn me for these little follies as it is only lately I have learnt to tell you such frivolous ? In fear of your condemnation. Mrs. Kelly is also a step-mother and gave me some very sound advice as to little every day things. I saw a great deal between Mary and she has proved to me that if ever we have had a little trouble at home I have I fear been doubtless many times in the wrong. I saw Mrs. Spaulding but not her daughter their house is lovely and I was sorry Mrs. Kelly did not know her well enough to call upon her as I should liked to have met her. School let in Tuesday and I did not come back until Friday and Mrs. Johnson just kectured me about two hours, I should have felt different about staying if I should not make up my lessons but as I am going to I felt perfectly comfortable in staying so I did. I had my picture taken and I will send you one if they come soon enough. I sent (Marcus?) Bradley a little knitted under-vest before I went away. Give my love to all and accept lots for yourself. Goodbye M.E.E P.S. Money box ok, and am much obliged
- Supplied year

Author

Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Johnson, Annie Elizabeth
- Bradford Academy

Date

1888-00-00

Type

Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Education

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BRADFORD ACADEMY.

Bradford, Mass., ... 1888

My dear Mamma

How can I begin
to tell you what a perfectly grand
time I have been having in Lowell.
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to a ball and to hear the Harvard
Club, a young gentleman took
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we went to a lake and crossed the
lake in a row boat and gathered
~~some~~ wild flowers on the opposite
side, he is a Mr. Green who is at the
"Divinity School" at Yale College
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beautiful bouquet the night of

the ball. We went into Boston twice
to the Theatre and dined at the
Fisker House, Mrs Kelley is
simply lovely and seemed to take
such a liking to me, she went
to so far as to invite me to come in
June right after commencement
and spend a few days at the Point of
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any objections to my going, I met
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"Sometimes I am startled at my
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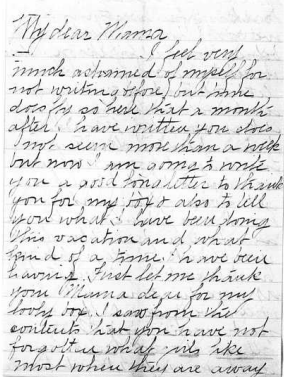
Bradford, Mass., ... 1888

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two hours, I should have felt different
about staying if I could not make
up my lessons but as I am going
to I felt perfectly comfortable in
staying as I did. I had my pictures

take and I will seek you out
if they come soon enough. I sent
Mama Bradley a little knitted
under-vest before I went away. Give
me love to all and accept love for yours
self Good bye

M. & L.

P.H. Mommy top o.k. and am much
obliged



[FB002AAF] Letter, December 1888

Title

[FB002AAF] Letter, December 1888

Editor's Notes

- I feel very much ashamed of myself for not writing before but time does fly so here that a month after I have written you does not seem more than a week but now I am going to write you a good long letter to thank you for my box & also to tell you what I have been doing this vacation and what kind of a time I have been having. Just let me thank you Mama dear for my books box. I saw from said contents that you have not forgotten what girls like most when they are away [page break] [I hoped?] and every other imaginable thing in this world. We are surely going to Akron for vacation & are we now [---?] expect to start before Monday for Akron. I do want to go home first. School lets out Friday mornings and we don't start for Akron until Monday. I can spend Saturday & Sunday at home, my real reason is that I want to get something at home would you please write me as soon as possible what you think or telegraph me as I want to get my ticket at a reduction and I will have to send after it next week. Now Mama PLEASE DO NOT (Bungle?) This as it is important to ? From home I am very glad that you did not send cake for it is normally so good that I make myself sick. I heard from ? That you are upen away? In few days is the norm are to do all your ? Shopping that probably the reason. My box came from Park & Giffords, I think you were very wise in going in the city for your shopping the hardest part of shopping for us is the ride on the car into New York. I have had a perfectly lovely time this vacation it would be much easier o tell you what we did NOT do than to attempt to tell you what we did do. Went five times to the theatre and rode and I read in ? Paper that Papa had been ? For a day carriage but Mr. ? Said that he was they shantty prepared so Id ?? Arrived as well. Give my love to him and the boys also baby and yourself with a good (and glad heart will close?) M
- Supplied year and month

Author

Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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1888-12-00

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- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Health and safety

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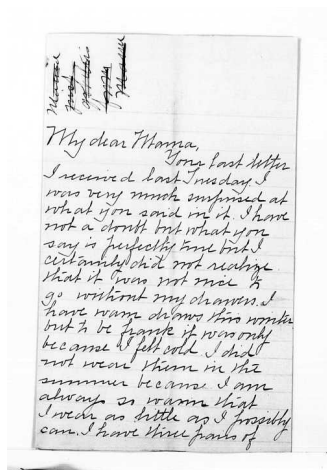
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shaped and were other
magnificent things in the
world. How curiously going
to Akron for Christmas is are
we not? I don't expect to start
before Monday for Akron. I don't
want to go for the first school
let's out Friday morning
and we don't start for
Akron until Monday
I can spend Saturday &
Sunday at home, my real
reason is that I want to
get some things at home
won't you please write me
as soon as possible what
you think or telegraph me
as I want to get my ticket
at a reduction and I
will have to send for it
next week. now Maria
please do not forget this
as it is important to me

from home, I am very glad
that you did not send care
for it is usually so good that
I make myself sick. I heard
from Edith & Edna that you
are spending a few days
at the Normans. It is so
to do all your Christmas
shopping that probably
the reason my boy came
from Kirk & Telford, I think
you were very wise in going
in the city for your shopping
the hardest part of shopping
for us is the ride on the
cars into New York. I have
had a perfectly lovely time
this vacation it would be
much easier to tell you
what we did not do than
to attempt to tell you what
we did do. Went five times
to the theatre and rode and

I read in the paper that
Papa had been thrown
from his carriage but
it also said that he was
other than injured
so I am not full worried
at all. Give my love to
Mum and the boys also
only and yourself with
a good night then I
will close M.



[FB002AAG] Letter, c. 1888

Title

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Editor's Notes

- Your last letter I received last Tuesday. I was very much confused at what you said in it. I have not a doubt but what you say is perfectly fine but I certainly did not realize that it was not nice to go without my drawers. I have worn draws this winter but to be frank it was only because I felt cold. I did not wear them in the summer because I am always so warm that I wear as little as I possibly can. I have thick ? Of ? But I really never thought about it until you wrote. Mama I have come to the conclusion that I would rather come home. I am not only down in my own estimation but also in other people's. Of course it would be all right to stay with as little work to do as I have but I do not have enough to keep me out of mischief or to keep me interested in my studies. As I said before if I had not gotten in with the girls I had, staying here would be all right except I would not improve any but I have gotten in with girls, who think almost entirely of fun, they do not all enjoy {innocent?} fun but {draws with me?} and I find that a plenty. The way I came to have so many {pairs?} was that when I had that month I changed them about every other day but now I am all over it and of course do not need so many changes. I am very sorry Mama that I did not wear them last summer I never thought for a moment but that it was perfect night I thought that they were a mere protections from cold and as I never felt the cold when I went without them I decided it was more comfortable without them so did not wear them. I agree perfectly with you, it certainly cannot be nice to expose [these lasts?] are not contented until they forget that they are women and indulge in smoking and many other "innocent pleasures" that although I was not very good before I came to school yet I must confess I have had occasion many time to be shocked at. If you were only a little less what you ought to be you would be able to understand that lots of time is more apt to encourage these things than if one had lots of [shidyrico?] to keep their mind on [?] [recufried?]. I went to Miss Johnson after reading your letter and she said if I had begun Latin or Algebra in the fall I would have had plenty to do, no doubt she is right but she nor no one else can ever get me to study Latin, at any rate there is no use crying over spilt milk. I wish you would write Miss Johnson but I know that nothing can be done as to my taking up more studies. We have just commenced the History of Rome [really?] couldn't I come home and study that and the other studies with Mrs. McWilliams. I will send you a schedule of my day work and I will leave it to you to decide whether something had better be done or not. Why last letter was very different from this one when I wanted to stay now I want to go. You know how opposed I was to studying with Mrs. McWilliams will I am still just as much opposed but I am thinking what is best for me. I have talked with many of the teachers about my studies and all seem very anxious to help me but you know that [six?] teachers for [168?] girls does not leave the teachers very much recreation to help me if they would. I have heard [?] that have said of me that very much hurt my feelings, they all seem to think it my own fault that I only take one lesson and they say that I am going to be trained up to be a society girl and don't care a bit for study, of course the girls join them in making these unjust remarks and it makes me feel very badly. I went home with my friend [Miss Rilley? Reimer?] I received a big box of Huylers from a [farming?] man. I was introduced to going down on the train to [mas?] this is the second box he has sent me, he also sent me some superb roses this Friday after my return I forgot to tell you. I think he must be an idiot to send as much stuff and I only met him once. I am going to write Mrs. Reimer soon. I have

decided to write her a number of times but something has always interrupted me and I never finished it. Write soon mama and tekk me what you think. Mrs. J said you ought surely have heard from the girls by this time. Love to all Lovingly Marion

- Supplied year

Author

Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Johnson, Annie Elizabeth
- Reimer, Josephine Stucky (Mrs Henry C.F.)
- Bradford Academy
- Ireson, Jennie E
- McWilliams, Sarah
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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~~Mamma~~
~~John~~
~~John~~
~~John~~
~~John~~

My dear Mamma,
Your last letter
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was very much surprised at
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go without my drawers. I
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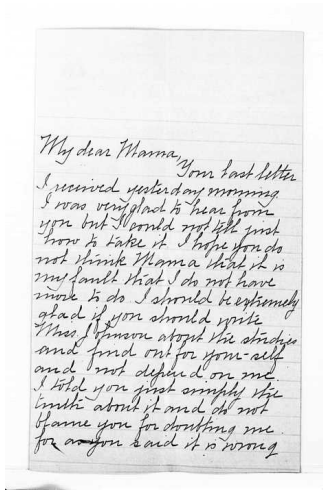
if I had begun Latin or
Algebra in the fall I would
have had plenty to do, no doubt
she is right but she nor no
one else can ever get me to
study Latin, at any rate
there is no one enjoining over
spilt milk and the thing.
I wish you would write
Miss Johnson but I know
that nothing can be done
as to my taking up more
studies. We have just commenced
the History of Rome why couldn't
I come home and study that
and two other studies with
Miss. M^{rs} Williams. I will
sent you a schedule of my
days work and I will leave
it to you to decide whether

something had better be
done or not. My last letter
was very different from this
one then I wanted to stay
now I want to go. You know
how opposed I was to studying
with Miss. McMillan and
well I am still just as
much opposed but I
am thinking what is best
for me. I have talked
with many of the teachers
about my studies and all
seem very anxious to help
me but you know that
six teachers for 16 girls does
not leave the teachers very
much recreation to help
me if they would. I have
heard remarks that have
been said of me that
very much hurt my

feelings, that all seem to
think it my own fault
that I only take one
lesson and they say that
I am going to be trained
up to be a society girl and
don't care a bit for study,
of course the girls join them
in making these cynical
remarks and it makes
me feel very badly. I went
home with my friend Miss
Kelly. I had a grand
time and came back
yesterday. I received a big
box of Haylers from a
young man. I was
introduced to going
down on the train. I was
this is the second box
he has sent me, ~~that~~
he also sent me some

superb roses the ⁴Friday
after my return I forgot
to tell you. I think he
must be an idiot to
send so much stuff and
I only met him once. I
am going to write Mrs.
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started to write her a
number of times but some-
thing has always inter-
rupted me and so never
finished it. Write soon
Mama and tell me
what you think. This I
said you ought surely
have heard for the girls
by this time. Love & all

Everingly
Marion



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Title

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Editor's Notes

- Your last letter I received yesterday morning. I was very glad to hear from you but I could not tell just how to take it. I hope you do not think Mama that it is my fault that I do not have more to do I should be extremely glad if you should write Mrs. Johnsons about the [-----?] and find out for yourself and not [depend?] on me. I told you just simply the truth about it and do not blame you for doubting me for you said it is wrong not take [?]. Mrs. Allen is the one to write to about the studies Mrs. Johnson does not have anything to do with that, it will not be necessary to write her if you believe me but I would rather have you write. Please don't have me come home now Mama, I am having a splendid time all the girls seem bent on having a good time and working as little as possible, next Friday night we are going to have a [snow-ride? Show ride?] and that same night late I am invited to a [-----?] nothing like being a society girl while in school. Well have had [----rable] [-----] here. I hope you are feeling a little better. I suppose the boys are working hard at [-----?] in Miss Johnson to allow me to waste my time as I am most certainly going now. Of course it would be all right if I could do as Papa said I could but Mama you were once a girl yourself and know that it would be simply an impossibility for me to take up a study like Rhetoric or Grammar and do it justice by myself. Yesterday I went to Mrs. Allen to see if there wasn't something I could take but of course as I knew that there was not I could tell what her answer would be. Physics and Geometry are the only studies besides U.S History, that are taken up new this term and as I have never taken Algebra she said I could and there [firescs?] don't let them forget to send me a copy of them first [happen if they ever print it?] We had a sharade the other night from the boys at "Carlton's school." Give my love to all and to Grandma when you write her. I must close much love for yourself. I am as ever your loving
Marion Edison
- Supplied year

Author

Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Johnson, Annie Elizabeth
- Bradford Academy
- Allen, Ida C
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, William Leslie
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date

1888-00-00

Type

Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Education
- Newspapers, books, other publications

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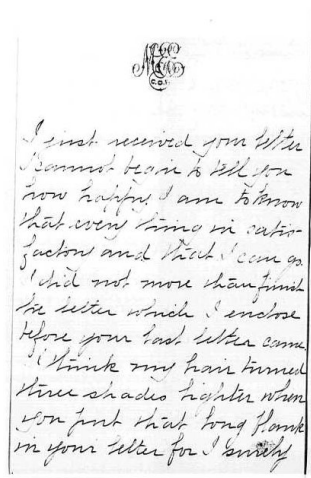
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Title

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Editor's Notes

- I just received your letter. I cannot begin to tell you how happy I am to know that everything is satisfaction and that I can go. I did not more than finish the letter which I enclose before your last letter came. I think my hair turned three shades lighter when you put that long [flank? Thank? Hank?] in your letter for I surely [your?] letter [a---ing] to come home. [Ion hairr well?] your hand mama to many I'm on also in letting me go. I SHALL NEVER give you cause to regret letting me go and I shall [?] and study hard and be good. You can remember my promise Mama and remind me of it if I ever brake it but I do not think you will have cause for I intend keeping it. I thought the [amount?] would be unfavorable. I do not see how I can come home before Tuesday but I will surely come then, will you please have someone meet me on the six o clock train [?] New York. I cannot realize that I have to leave the firls so soon, I certainly seem sad to leave so many dear friends who in all probablilities I shall never see again. I have been rushed ever since I got One of the girls are going [--- -----?] with me so I will have company most of the way. Give my love n all and much love for your-self Marion
- Supplied year

Author

Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Bradford Academy
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date

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Type

Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Travel (TAE and family)
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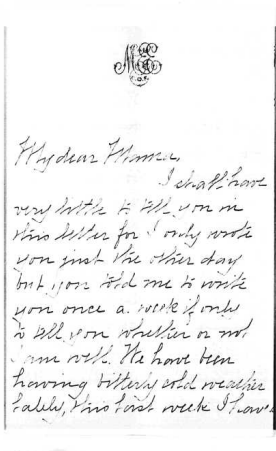


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[FB002AAJ] Letter, 1888-1889

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Editor's Notes

I shall have very little to tell you in this letter for I only wrote you just the other day but you told me to write you once a week if only to tell you whether or not I am well. We have been having bitterly cold weather lately, this past week. I have not had the energy to venture out and consequently do not feel very well, if I miss one day of my exercise I feel the effects for a week afterwards that shows that regular habits are necessary to perfect health. I don't think you take enough exercise, sometimes I marvel how you keep well when you seldom if ever walk. You must not forget Mama that you promised to send me one of the baby's pictures as soon as they were finished. I think the ones taken in Orange very much better than those [illeg] Now do not forget your promise for I am ever so anxious to have one for they are so cute. I received an invitation from [illeg] for an [illeg] it must have been long in coming for it did not leave me time to send my regrets also another invitation for a party in New York. I would not go if it was convenient for such things are not much in my line and besides I have become a perfect [baby?] lately and it makes me [illeg] for I will never be able to go to any place and feel at home if I keep on getting so stupid & bashful. I have said all I intend to about my studies. I leave it entirely to you I have begun not to care what becomes of me. Give my love to all and keep a good share for yourself. Marion."

Author

Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Leech, Carolyn
- Edison, Madeleine

Date

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Type

Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Health and medicine

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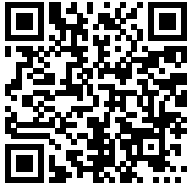
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